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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 7, 2011**. Last week was hot and dry for most areas. However, scattered showers helped producers who were lucky enough to receive them. Reports of insects are increasing and producers are treating fields as needed. Soil moisture was rated 7 percent very short, 27 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending August 7, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	99	98	100	100
Corn, dent	93	84	93	94
Corn, mature	44	23	58	51
Corn, harvested	6	4	9	5
Cotton, squaring	100	99	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	94	82	99	96
Cotton, open bolls	1	--	11	4
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	76	73	69	71
Peanuts, pegging	100	100	100	99
Rice, headed	90	79	94	80
Rice, mature	4	--	22	8
Sorghum, heading	100	94	100	100
Sorghum, coloring	50	37	78	71
Sorghum, mature	9	--	24	26
Soybeans, blooming	98	97	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	90	84	93	94
Soybeans, turning color	10	5	23	25
Watermelons, harvested	94	89	98	98

Crop condition for week ending August 7, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	15	14	34	26	11
Cotton	2	8	22	50	18
Hay	14	16	24	39	7
Livestock	0	12	43	40	5
Pasture	10	10	30	43	7
Peanuts	0	2	27	49	22
Rice	1	4	30	50	15
Sorghum	1	8	20	61	10
Soybeans	3	9	23	53	12
Sweet Potatoes	0	4	31	56	9

Comments

“We have begun shelling corn and cutting early beans. Dryland yields are fairly low, as to be expected. Most of the rice is headed out and some fields are beginning to turn. Insect applications are still being made, and pumps continue to run as we enter another dry spell.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“This past week some combines entered corn fields to harvest mainly dryland acres. Dryland soybeans are turning fast in this heat and some will be harvested this coming week. Late planted soybeans continue to be pressured by boll worms and many acres have been treated twice already. Some early planted cotton acres have begun to crack and open bolls and treatments for pests remain steady. The extreme heat we are experiencing is really speeding things along and harvest season is just around the corner. As for now, we have resumed irrigation on what we can and hope for a fair weather harvest season.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Some areas are again in severe moisture stress. Most fields have enough moisture for a few more days of good development; but we will need more rain within a week to sustain the progress of cotton and soybeans.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Heat stress is taking its toll on livestock. Cattle are wading around in ponds at daylight to try and cool off. Producers are cutting hay and spraying for armyworms.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Growers continue to water and spray cotton and soybeans for insects. Irrigation has stopped on most of our corn crop.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Corn harvest has started. Some early maturity group soybeans will be harvested this week. This heat is taking its toll on every crop.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“About half the county got a good rain on Sunday. Cotton and soybeans look good but still need weekly rains to fill out.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Cotton is looking good, and it should be opening bolls in 2 weeks. The afternoon rains will help the soybeans.”

— Brent Gray, Yalobusha

“Recent scattered showers have helped crops tremendously. Hay producers have been trying to dodge rain the past few days to finish harvesting.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“It has been a very hot week but the insects and weeds continue to give their share of problems. Those with the capability to irrigate are steadily irrigating their soybeans and cotton. Corn growers have checked their harvest equipment and are ready to go for this coming week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Harvest of milo and corn crops has dust on the horizon once again. Irrigated corn yields are turning out better than most producers expected, which has been a pleasant surprise.”

— Strider McCroy, Sunflower

“Rains have really made the soybean and cotton perk-up and look great. Corn is drying down fast and producers are getting equipment ready for harvest, which will begin in a few weeks.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Timely rains have improved the soybean outlook in some areas. Armyworms are hitting hay fields very hard and starting to enter yards and row crop fields.”

— Dennis B. Reginelli, Noxubee

“Producers harvested a tremendous amount of hay last week and thru the weekend. If the rain holds off they will continue to bale this week. Armyworms are everywhere.”

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah

“Most of the rain/scattered showers has ceased again last week. Chances for the coming week are only 20-30% with very hot temperatures.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“Some afternoon rains are occurring across the county. Moisture levels seem adequate for now. High temperatures and high humidity levels are causing chances for afternoon showers, therefore jeopardizing hay cutting. Some corn is being harvested at this time. Cotton and peanuts look real good.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 7, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Charleston				81		1.61	0.82	2	3.18
Clarksdale	102	74	87	82	5	0.00	-0.64	0	2.90
Cleveland	106	77	90	83	7	0.00	-0.65	0	5.51
Lambert 1W	105	74	88			0.00	-0.70	0	0.78
Extreme/Average	106	74	89	82	7	0.40	-0.25	1	3.06
North-Central									
Batesville	103	75	88	80	8	0.00	-0.68	0	0.43
Hickory Flat	104	68	85	79	6	2.26	1.40	2	3.73
Holly Springs	102	68	86	79	7	0.16	-0.67	1	0.90
Independence	104	72	87	80	7	0.11	-0.59	1	0.82
Oxford	104	73	87	80	7	0.02	-0.80	1	5.30
Extreme/Average	104	68	87	80	7	0.51	-0.27	1	2.24
Northeast									
Booneville	100	69	83	80	3	0.81	0.02	2	1.47
Corinth 7SW	106	69	84	81	3	1.65	0.91	2	2.59
Pontotoc Exp	101	70	84	81	3	3.33	2.59	3	4.90
Verona	102	72	86	81	5	2.89	2.12	2	5.71
Extreme/Average	106	69	84	80	4	2.17	1.42	2	3.67
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	99	75	88	82	6	0.13	-0.76	1	2.84
Moorhead	100	78	88	82	6	0.00	-0.69	0	6.61
Rolling Fork	102	74	89	82	7	3.52	2.83	1	6.97
Yazoo City	103	77	89	82	7	0.00	-0.85	0	3.73
Extreme/Average	103	74	89	82	7	0.91	0.19	1	5.04
Central									
Canton 4N				82		0.01	-0.75	1	5.85
Forest 3S	98	68	85	80	5	1.49	0.41	2	6.83
Kosciusko	98	73	86	81	5	0.09	-0.89	2	8.74
Winona 5E	96	72	84	78	6	0.18	-0.60	1	12.77
Extreme/Average	98	68	85	81	4	0.44	-0.42	2	8.55
East-Central									
Columbus	104	73	88	82	6	1.35	0.51	1	2.99
Louisville				80		0.00	-0.89	0	4.61
Macon	99	72	85	81	4	0.49	-0.39	2	2.85
State Univ.	101	68	86	81	5	0.45	-0.37	1	4.71
Extreme/Average	104	68	86	81	5	0.57	-0.24	1	3.52
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	96	73	84	81	3	0.72	-0.29	1	6.57
Crystal Springs	99	74	86	82	4	0.00	-0.79	0	5.49
Natchez	98	74	86	82	4	0.00	-0.84	0	3.32
Vicksburg City	99	78	89			0.00		0	1.64
Extreme/Average	99	73	87	81	6	0.18	-0.73	0	4.26
South-Central									
Collins	97	73	85	81	4	0.15	-0.82	1	4.62
Columbia	98	75	87	82	5	0.30	-0.82	1	8.93
Monticello	102	74	88	82	6	0.19	-0.76	2	3.64
Raleigh 6N	97	68	83			0.87		1	5.99
Extreme/Average	102	68	86	82	4	0.38	-0.70	1	5.80
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	96	72	85	82	3	0.34	-0.84	3	9.22
Laurel	99	72	85	81	4	1.40	0.37	3	6.98
Waynesboro 2W	99	73	85	81	4	0.80	-0.06	3	5.95
Extreme/Average	99	72	85	81	4	0.85	-0.13	3	7.38
State	106	68	86	81	5	0.66	-0.19	1	5.08

DFN = Departure from Normal.